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# Spaghetti Dinner

Get ready for Post 95's seventh annual Spaghetti Dinner. The menu includes all you can eat

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Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on

Immigrants and being an

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language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

for but one flag, the American

flag... We have room for but one

Ronald Regan Quotes "Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."

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"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong." "If we ever forget that we're one

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Commander's Corner
By John Kopp

During our January meeting, I told the story of an Iraqi War Veteran who was having an extremely difficult time. He suffered a stroke, which the doctors attributed to chemicals

used in chemical warfare. He couldn't work, had mounting bills, and really needed help.

He had applied to the VA for

benefits due him because of a

service connected disability. And

we all know how fast the VA is

with claims.

He needed help and fast. He
went to various veterans
organizations and then, finally,
ended up talking to our American
Legion. Through the Temporary
Financial Assistance program, he
received the money needed to
pay his back bill (rent, utilities,
food, etc). Meanwhile, the VA
continued to drag its feet, and the
Christmas Holidays were fast

He called me asking for help. He wanted to take his three year old son to see his family in Wisconsin. We had just had our monthly meeting, and there were various other things going on

approaching.

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the meeting I introduced him to

where it would probably taken

explained the situation to Commander Haney. During the meeting, the members there voted unanimously to help. Several

Commander Haney. He

writing out the check.

The reason I tell this story is to show, that by working together, how much more both of our great organizations can and do

accomplish. I see no reason for thinking that by working together

either of our organizations could

members even handed him cash

while the Quartermaster was

possibly loose its identity. Both organizations consist of honorably discharged veterans who served during wartime. Both organizations have the exact same goals, ideals, and purpose

for existence.

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projects a combined effort could produce. Included in this newsletter is a summary of the activities that our post performed last year. We can

Think of all the possible

summary of the activities that ou post performed last year. We can be proud of all that we did. To me, the most impressive accomplishments were those of the honor guard and the flag etiquette classes. Mike Edwards has done and is doing a wonderful job with both these

groups.

how cold.

deceased veterans were awarded the military funeral honors they so deserved. Whenever called upon, our fellow Legionnaires

are there, no matter how hot or

received from the students give

us a sense of pride that is hard to

Thanks to Mike and his team 44

Eighteen classes on Flag Etiquette were presented to the various elementary schools in the area. Over 739 students and teachers were present. The letters

out do. Thanks Comrades! So, thank you, Mike! And thank you Honor Guard Team and Flag Etiquette Class group.

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Funerals - 44 (two for Post

teachers.

members)
Parades - 3 with 2 flag disposal

ceremonies
Dinners – 4 Spaghetti, Chili,

Bar-B-Que and Christmas Family Memorial Day – Avenue of

Flags Ceremony, Visited 5 nursing homes conducting

Memorial Day ceremonies.

Independence Day – Flags at

Hallmark entrance, presented Colors prior to fire works

Colors prior to fire works program. Veteran's Day – Flags at WWI

memorial, ceremony at Our Lady of Mercy country home, ceremony at Liberty High School and Grade schools, radio interview and visit to VA hospital

patients.
MIA/POW Highway dedication

presented colors at 2 dedications

Bingo – Monthly bingo at Cedars of Liberty Nursing home for residents

If you would like to be a part of any of these worthwhile activities come to a Post meeting.

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Source: Army Echoes Jan-Apr 07 Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson recently urged veterans to show pride in their

service by wearing their medals

on Veterans Day. He said he hoped this display of military decorations, which he called the "Veterans Pride Initiative," would become a traditional part of Veterans Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and other patriotic observances.

Guideline for wearing awards

are found in Army Regulation

670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, retired Soldiers which states, "... retired soldiers may wear all categories of medals (described in this regulation) on appropriate civilian clothing. This includes clothes designed for veteran and

patriotic organizations on

Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Armed Forces Day, as well as at formal occasions of ceremony and social functions of a military nature. Personnel may wear either full-size or miniature

medals on civilian clothes should

place the medals on the clothing

medals. Personnel who wear

in approximately the same

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location and in the same manner as on the Army uniform, so they look similar to medals worn on the Army uniform."

# Blond Joke

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blond > female neighbor came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house. A little later she came out of her house again went to the mail box and again, opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever.

Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, "Is something wrong?" To which she replied, "There certainly is!" My stupid computer keeps saying, "YOU'VE GOT MAIL!"

#### Quote

Can you believe it? Monica turned 28 this week. It seems like only yesterday that she was crawling round the White House on her hands and knees. – Andy Rooney

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THE LAST TIME I CRIED IN
THE WAR
By Micki Swift
I look up into the bright blue
sky,
And I watch as a big black hawk flies by.
He's the most entertainment
I've had all day,
It's just a shame to watch him
fly away.
I lay my head back against a
rock,
Wishing that I could have some
kind of block
From the shots that are just so
loud,
And I can't find it in my heart to
be proud.
Because war's just not what I
thought it would be,
It's not all about pride and
bravery.
It's that feeling you get when
the enemy's near,
It's that moment you learn the
true meaning of fear.
I close my eyes and just pretend
That my time in the trenches has
come to an end.
I open my eyes as I hear a rustle
beside me,
Only to see a soldier smiling
happily.
I watch as the young private sits
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ground. I stared at him, a little shy, And we sat in silence until he said hi. We shook hands as I told him my name, He grinned at me and did the same. His name was Jack and he was twenty-one. We sat and talked for hours under the blazing sun. Later that night as it grew dark, I looked up and saw a spark. The next thing I heard was a very loud crack, And in just an instant, everything went black. I woke up and looked around, Trying to take in every sound. I reach up to feel the gash in my head, With someone near by me saying, "Yes, he's dead." Slowly I roll onto my back, Then I glance over to look at Jack. What I see makes my stomach quake, And my whole body begins to shake. I scoot over towards my new friend, Not believing that his life just came to an end. **Crowley Furniture** 200 N. 291 Highway Liberty, MO 64068 (816)-781-8002

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Right beside me on the barren

Thanking God that I survived the attack. Without realizing it, I let a tear roll down my cheek. I knew I'd be in this trench another week. And that was the last time I cried in the war. Because I knew no matter how many died, there would always be more. Micki is Ted and Ruth Nelson's 15 year old granddaughter Ted Nelson Receives High School Diploma Ted Nelson received his high school diploma at our December family night pot luck dinner and meeting. Ted left high school in Iowa to join the Navy before he graduated. After all these years Ted was honored when he received his diploma with many family members and friends present. Congratulations Ted. Jar Heads By Ed Eberle From our beloved brethren we are often referred to as Jar Heads. Often the targets of good natured jokes while poking a little fun our way. As an example while attending

my first breakfast with the Legion

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passed around. As it came to me to sign, from across the table came a jest,. "You jar heads only need to sign with an X" and from down the table another quote: Yeh with a big X.

The following article is not meant, in any way, to defame any branch of service, or individual in any way, but to poke just a little fun back their way.

If the demons of the devil were

to ever approach our land with

evil intentions, I'm sure the <u>fly</u>
<u>boys</u> would be the first sent out
by our high command. But
perhaps if and because of thick
fog, clouds, and flaming fire from
the beast's nostrils they were
unable to make a strike. The navy

because of faulty radar may not have been able to intercept. Surely as they approach our coast, our guard will intercept. But after review, their high command released his urgent

then sails out to take a look, and

message. Quote: This job seems too beg for us. Let them come ashore where our army will be

victorious.

The army had hurriedly set up patrols of defense. But after observing and analyzing the advancing demons, decided to pull back for better positions.

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As the bugler blew the sound of retreat, the marines came rushing by and drove those demons far out to sea where they sank deep down into the depths of the Bermuda Triangle.

Back home, Old Glory still

flies, and the church doors are

open. Because we fought, and if necessary will continue our efforts together. Let us enter these doors as one, and in prayer give love and thanks to God. He truly has blessed America, the country we all love.

and deeds as we <u>all</u> enter his Kingdome above. But don't be surprised to find the golden streets of heaven to be guarded by the United States Marines.

May God bless us all!

Surely he will reward our love

# To Our Mule Skinner By Ed Eberle

If it had not been that one of our popular friends who was dealt a longevity card, he may have hitched his mule to a star and rode it to the gates of heaven.

I can imagine after arriving

there an angle greeting him in this way. Welcome Sir, you may enter, but your mule will have to catch a star to the heavenly gate for animals.

Our friend then reluctantly discarded his shovel and pitch

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fork. After walking through the glorious gate he passed a guard dressed in blues. The guard gave a smile of approval. The next station, an angel there also welcomed our friend. The angle then continued with an explanation of the purpose of this station. This station is where we assign heavenly tasks and duties they are to perform.

You see the Navy and Coast

Guard are mopping the streets to a shine. The fly boys are hanging out the stars. Anxiously our friend interrupted, and ask, "But what duty do you have for me?" The angel flipped over the friend's record and replied. The Army has many tasks. I see you were an orderly for your mule, and received recognition for keeping the stables almost to a shine.

I see you still have your mule's feed bag. Perhaps as a souvenir we can fill it with fragrant love. I suggest you strap it around your neck and sniff it while performing duties in chare of our heavenly latrine.

with us. I suggest we share our love because I am sure when he is beckoned to heaven he will be given a top job, perhaps as a glorified ambassador for us all.

Being realistic our friend is still

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Veteran was honorably

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delivered ashore by helicopters

and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total

reverence," recalled Navy Capt.

Kevin Wensing, who was there.

"It was a spiritual moment for

everybody there."

back."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down. They can't

keep us down. We're going to be

The ship's motto? "Never Forget"

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# **CHERISH OUR CHILDREN**

By Rev Donna Warren Chaplain (This applies to all of us, whether or not we have been parents of children)

Parents, can you remember when your children were born and after cleaning up the little one, the Doctor or Nurse wrapped the infant in a blanket and handed it to you. Remember the joy, the awe, the tears as you received this gift of life crying for the first time in this world. Do you recall how fragile that life seemed, how delicate, how precious?

Now move forward 12 or 14 months. You have cleaned up messes, been thrown up on, lost who knows how many hours of sleep, spent hours at the Doctor's office frantic because of a fever that won't respond to normal treatment. On the down side, you would agree with the person who described a baby as 'a digestive apparatus with a loud noise at one end and no responsibility at the other.' But on the positive side, you are humbled by this helpless little creation that needs you in every area.

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In an era when 1.1 million teens become pregnant each year, when one out of four children face a risk of being sexually or physically abused by the time they reach 18, when 20% of those hospitalized for depression are under the age of 18. It is time that we learn once again how to cherish all children whether they belong to us or someone else. And there is no better model that our Lord Jesus Christ who holds every child in high esteem.

It isn't that our Lord treats children differently than He treats anyone else, but what is significant is that He treats them as special as everyone else. They

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are no less important and deserving of His love and attention merely because they are young. He esteems them as he esteems the poor, or the Samaritan Woman, or the tax collector, or the common fisherman. And it is this value He placed upon their worth that we have lost sight of today in many ways. It is easy for the children to become a burden and source of stress rather than a source of blessing. When they are hurting we tell them to grow up or stop that crying, or we'll give them something to cry about. We are crushing the very spirit that God gave them, which makes them special.

One gift that Jesus gave everyone, including the children, was that no one's pain is unimportant. Jesus takes time to stop what He is doing and cares for our pains. Likewise, we are to do the same even if we have pains of our own.

### Quote

Vegetarian - that's an old Indian word meaning "lousy hunter."-Andy Rooney

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"Well" said the Director "we

institutionalized.

"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the

visitor. "A normal person would

use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

ME?
Saying Grace In A Restaurant

WANT THE BED NEXT TO

DID YOU PASS, OR DO YOU

# Last week, I took my children to

a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all!

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the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's

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what's wrong with this country.
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to pray. Asking God for ice
cream! Why, I never!"
Hearing this, my son burst into
tears and asked me, "Did I do it

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart," the man replied. Then, in a theatrical whisper, he added

remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes." Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment, and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and, without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

(indicating the woman whose

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He just couldn't seem to get to

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worker, real sharp, so the boss was in a quandary about what to do about it. Finally, one day he

called him into the office for a talk.

"Bill, I have to tell you, I like your work ethics, but your being late often is bothersome."

"Yes I know hose and I'm

"Yes, I know boss, and I'm working on it."
"Well good. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the navy. What did they say if you came in late

Post Meeting Times
Robert H. Baker American
Legion Post 95 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup>

"They said, "Good morning,

there?"

Admiral."

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PM. at the Memorial Hall. It is

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